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REMARKS

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Cottbus.

1. On 15 August 1951, the Hermann Loens Kaserne in Cottbus (N 52/A 57) quartered a tank unit of soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 100 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. Fifteen T-34/85 tanks stood in front of one garage, the other garages being closed. Only the two westernmost barracks buildings seemed to be occupied by soldiers, and they appeared to be recruits. Vehicles identified at the installation included trucks

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2. The other barracks installations in Cottbus were occupied only by guard details. These were the Alvonsleben Kaserne, the Junker Kaserne, and the Sachsenhof Kaserne.

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Luebben.

3. On 14 August, the Jaeger Kaserne at the Luebben (N 52/A 28) railroad station was occupied by only a rear unit of about 80 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. A total of 60 soldiers were engaged in close-order drill, instruction on radio sets, and training with one 57-mm or 76.2-mm AT gun. (3)
4. One section of the sanatorium at Luebben was used as a hospital while the other section quartered a mortar unit of from 250 to 300 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. A unit of 8 officers and about 100 EM with one 120-mm mortar was seen leaving the installation for field training on 14 August, and about 90 soldiers were engaged in theoretical instruction and physical training in the billeting area. (4)

Comments.

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- (1) the Hermann Loens Kaserne as only partly occupied on 21 July 1951. Some of the troops there are believed to be recruit training units. The vehicles mentioned in the present report include 2 of the GOFG, 2 of the 7th Gds Tank Div, 1 of the 9th Mecz Div and 1 of the MGB.

- (2) The information agrees with the last report

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(3) The 91st Tank Regt of the 9th Mecz Div from the Jaeger Kaserne is still believed to be at the Weisswasser troop training grounds. [REDACTED]

(4) The identity of the unit in the sanatorium at Luebben has not been definitely determined. The 441st (?) RL Bn of the 9th Mecz Div has been tentatively carried there. However, since mortars have been repeatedly observed at the installation, it is possible that components of the 616th Mort Regt of the 9th Mecz Div may be quartered there. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] the installation was occupied by only a few soldiers on 20 June 1951. [REDACTED]

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